

SENATE RESOLUTION 20  
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor Alvin Norman Merritt for his many contributions to his community and state.

WHEREAS, it is truly fitting that this General Assembly recognize those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to their community and state; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Norman Merritt is such a person, a man who has achieved great personal success and also have made extraordinary contributions to the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt, through his own incredible energy and drive, built a highly successful business, *Merritt Standard Service Station*, which he operated from 1963 through 1969, when he founded *Merritt Construction Contractors*; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding Tennessean is a native of Luttrell, the son of the late Johnny and Eula Dukes Merritt; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt has generously contributed his time and talent to many community concerns and projects, including the Luttrell Volunteer Fire Department, Luttrell Elementary School, Luttrell Park, For The Kids and numerous others; and

WHEREAS, a caring and humane individual, Mr. Merritt with the support of his wife, Mabel, have established the *Johnny & Eula Merritt Christmas Basket Project*, named in honor of his parents; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt is a dedicated Christian, he also devotes time to the Mountainview Church of God where he is a member; and

WHEREAS, the countless honors that have been conferred upon him and his many other accomplishments aside, Mr. Merritt is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife of thirty-nine years, Mabel June Merritt, their sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky Alvin and Linda Merritt, and Johnny Andrew and Tammy Merritt, and four grandchildren, Andrew, Jeremy, Hannah, and Alison; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor Alvin Norman Merritt; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Alvin Norman Merritt on his exemplary service to Tennessee as a business and civic leader and extend to him our most sincere thanks for all that he has done for our Volunteer State and Wish him continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Merritt with this final clause omitted from such copy.